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Title : SELF-CENTERING ENERGY  
DISSIPATIVE BRACE APPARATUS  
WITH TENSIONING ELEMENTS  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

The present is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 7, 2011, for which a response is due by June 7, 2011. The present response is being filed within the 2-month period following the mailing of the Final Office Action and an Advisory Action should be produced by the Patent Office.

Please amend the present application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper;

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.